

**Question for written answer E-008303/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The fence that 'protects' Europe

The Spanish press has reported the construction of a golf course in Melilla, right next to the fence that 'protects' Europe from the ingress of immigrants, with financing from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)¹.

In light of the embarrassment that this golf course should represent for Europe, as a prime example of a lack of solidarity and the absence of a European immigration policy that is not only credible but also moderately intelligent, and in view of the imminent need for migrants in an ageing Europe:

1. What criteria did the European Commission apply to approve this investment?
2. What kind of regional imbalances is this project supposed to correct?

¹ http://www.eldiario.es/desalambre/pagado-fondos-publicos-frente-Melilla_0_316369381.html